

HOUSE....No. 22.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *February 7, 1849.*

✓ The Committee on "Public Charitable Institutions," to which was referred the "Report of the Joint Committee of the Legislature of Massachusetts, appointed April 20th, 1848, on the subject of Insanity in the State, &c.," would respectfully

REPORT:

That this subject has, as its importance demanded, met their attentive consideration. The result is their unanimous concurrence in the conclusions of that Committee, as to the immediate necessity for the erection of another hospital for the insane in this Commonwealth. They would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the accompanying Resolves.

For the Committee,

CHARLES EDWARD COOK.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Nine.

RESOLVES

For the Purchase of Land and the Erection of a Second Hospital for the Insane.

Resolved, That his excellency the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to appoint a board of three commissioners, who shall purchase an eligible site in that section of the Commonwealth which they may deem expedient, and cause to be erected thereon a suitable hospital for the care and cure of the insane. The accommodations of said hospital to be sufficient for two hundred and fifty patients, a superintendent, and a steward, their families, and all the necessary subordinate officers. And said commissioners shall have power to make all contracts with and employ such agents as may become necessary to fulfil the intention of this resolve.

Resolved, That said commissioners shall present all their accounts to the Governor and Council, to be by them audited and allowed, from time to time, as they shall deem proper, not exceeding, in the whole, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, and that warrants be drawn accordingly.